

# MoU

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### Between



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
& PANCHAYATI RAJ,  
NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL CENTRE  
GUWAHATI**

**&**



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**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
MEGHALAYA**

  
Registrar  
University of Science & Technology  
Meghalaya

**Date : 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

**Venue : USTM**

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BETWEEN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT &  
PANCHAYATI RAJ, NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL CENTRE, GUWAHATI**

AND

**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, MEGHALAYA**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and executed at University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya on this date of 6<sup>th</sup> April of the year 2016

**BETWEEN**

National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, North Eastern Regional Centre having its office at Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022 (hereinafter called NIRDPR- NERC) which expression shall, where the context so admits include its successors and permits assigns, on the one part.

AND

University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya having its Office at Techno-City, Kling Road, 9<sup>th</sup> Mile, G S Road, District - Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya (hereinafter called USTM) which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its successors and permits assigns, on the other part.

**1. PREAMBLE**

1.1. WHEREAS, NIRDPR - NERC has a mandate to examine and analyze the factors contributing to the improvement of economic and social well-being of people in rural areas on a sustainable basis with focus on the rural poor and the other disadvantaged groups through research, action research and consultancy efforts and to facilitate the rural development efforts with particular emphasis and focus on the rural poor by improving the knowledge, skills and attitudes of rural development officials and non-officials through training, workshops and seminars focused on the specific needs and potentials of North Eastern States of India.

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1.2. WHEREAS, USTM is engaged in education, research and extension specifically with the mandate to attend to the needs of the North Eastern States of India in the field of Higher and Technical Education, Research and Development.

1.3. AND WHEREAS, NIRDPR - NERC and USTM have recognized that rural development in the North Eastern States of India is closely related to the appropriate adoption of rural technology towards harnessing the rich resource endowment of the region in a sustainable manner, and collaboration between NIRDPR-NERC and USTM would be mutually beneficial besides contributing to the rural development in these states in a sustainable manner,

1.4. NOW THEREFORE, for furtherance of the objectives of both the organizations, and considering the long term benefits of sharing the knowledge, resources and capacity by undertaking collaborative activities of research and extension, it is hereby agreed between NIRDPR- ERC and USTM as under:

## 2. AGREEMENT

2.1. NIRDPR-NERC and USTM shall collaborate in research and extension involving rural development through conduct of appropriate resource mapping and develop proper understanding of the market dynamics of rural produce and any other area of mutual interest related to rural development, agricultural economics, ecological economics, sociology, rural technology and related fields of study.

2.2. NIRDPR- NERC and USTM agree to share their resources of books, journals, reports, maps, digital resources in their GIS lab and any other educational resource, in areas of mutual interest, subject to the relevant rules of copyright.

2.3. NIRDPR-NERC and USTM agree to include co-investigators in their respective research projects from the partner organization, and also agree to formulate collaborative projects jointly for funding from other national and international agencies, in the areas of mutual interest.

2.4. NIRDPR-NERC and USTM agree to get their personnel trained in the subjects of mutual interest in their organizations, and also encourage their scientists/

  
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faculty/students of either institute to attend lectures, workshops and conferences conducted in their respective areas of interest.

2.5. NIRDPR-NERC and USTM agree to jointly conduct capacity building programmes and trainings related to capacity building for income generation, livelihoods, sustainable development, IT etc. for the functionaries associated with Panchayats and other village level institutions.

### 3. EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION, MODIFICATION OF MOU

3.1. This MoU shall be effective from the date of signing and shall remain in force for a period of 60 months from the said date. The duration may be extended with the consent of both the parties under mutually agreed terms and conditions.

3.2. Unless otherwise extended by both the parties, the MoU shall be deemed to be terminated on expiry of the period mentioned above.

3.3. Any change/modification in the MoU as introduced/suggested by the Director General, NIRDPR or the Vice Chancellor, USTM at a later date will be binding on both the organizations.


### 4. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be held responsible for non-fulfillment of their respective obligations under this MoU due to the exigency of one or more of the *force majeure* events such as, but not limited to acts of God, War, Floods, Earthquake, Strikes, Lockouts, Epidemics, Riots, Civil Commotions, etc.

### 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE MOU

No amendment or modification of this MoU shall be valid unless the same is made in writing by both the parties or their authorized representatives and specifically stating the same to be an amendment of this MoU. The modifications/changes shall be effective from the date on which they are made/ executed unless otherwise agreed to.

  
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## 6. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MOU


The rights or/and liabilities arising to any part to this MoU shall not be assigned except with the written consent of the other party and subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the involved parties.

## 7. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

In the event of any dispute or difference between the parties hereto, such disputes or differences shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed, sealed and delivered this agreement on the day, month and year first above written in the presence of:

**FOR and on behalf of NIRDPR-NERC**  
**Guwahati**

Signature:   
Name: Dr. R. M. Pant  
Designation: Director, NIRDPR-NERC

Seal: Director  
NIRDPR, NERC  
Guwahati-781022

### WITNESSES

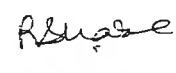
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1. Anja Hazarika  
Registrar, USTM
2. A. Chaulhury  
Dean, SBUS

Date: 06/04/2016

Seal of the parties:



**FOR and on behalf of USTM**

Signature:  06.04.2016  
Name: Dr. R.K. Sharma  
Designation: Pro Vice Chancellor, USTM

Seal:



(Name and Address)

1.   
(Karan Haldai)  
NIRDPR, Guwahati
2.   
(N. K. Shrivastava)  
NIRDPR-NERC

Date: 06/04/2016

  
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